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DE BEYROUTH» ET DE LA  
«SOCIÉTÉ RADIO-ORIENT»  
(FRANCE c. LIBAN)

ORDONNANCE DU 18 JUIN 1959

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ORDER OF 18 JUNE 1959

La présente ordonnance doit être citée comme suit :

« *Affaire de la « Compagnie du Port, des Quais et des Entrepôts  
de Beyrouth » et de la Société « Radio-Orient »*  
(*France c. Liban*),  
Ordonnance du 18 juin 1959: *C. I. J. Recueil 1959, p. 260.* »

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This Order should be cited as follows :

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## ORDER

*Present: President* KLAESTAD; Vice-President ZAFRULLA KHAN;  
*Judges* BASDEVANT, HACKWORTH, WINIARSKI, BADAWI,  
ARMAND-UGON, KOJEVNIKOV, Sir Hersch LAUTERPACHT,  
MORENO QUINTANA, CÓRDOVA, WELLINGTON KOO, SPIRO-  
POULOS, Sir Percy SPENDER; *Deputy-Registrar* GARNIER-  
COIGNET.

The International Court of Justice,  
composed as above,  
after deliberation,

having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to  
Article 37 of the Rules of Court,

*Makes the following Order:*

Whereas in a letter of 13 February 1959, filed in the Registry  
on the same day, the Ambassador of France to the Netherlands  
stated that his Government had decided to seise the Court of a  
dispute with the Government of the Republic of Lebanon concerning

the *Compagnie du Port, des Quais et des Entrepôts de Beyrouth* and the *Société Radio-Orient*, notified the appointment of M. André Gros, Legal Adviser to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, as Agent, and forwarded the Application instituting proceedings, signed by the Agent and accompanied by a letter from him;

Whereas the Application refers to Article 36, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court and quotes Article 23 of an agreement concluded on 24 January 1948 by the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Lebanon, which provides that: “The High Contracting Parties hereby agree that any differences arising in connection with the application of this Agreement or of its annexes shall, at the request of the Party concerned, be submitted to the International Court of Justice for arbitration”;

Whereas on 14 February 1959 the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon was notified by telegram of the filing of the Application, of which a copy was at the same time transmitted to him by letter and whereas this letter drew his attention to the provisions of the Rules regarding the appointment of an Agent and the fixing of time-limits for the filing of the pleadings;

Whereas on 23 February 1959 the edition of the Application printed by the Registry was sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon;

Whereas in a letter of 11 March 1959 the attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs was drawn to the fact that the Court would shortly make an order fixing time-limits for the filing of the pleadings and that for this purpose it was desirable that the Court should be informed of the views of the Parties;

Whereas on 20 April 1959 the Agent for the French Government, having been requested to make known his views with regard to the time-limit for the filing of the Memorial, stated on the same date that he hoped to have two months for this purpose;

Whereas by a letter of 21 April 1959 the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon was advised of the information supplied by the Agent for the French Government and whereas he was again requested to make known his views and to appoint an Agent;

Whereas the communications addressed by the Registry to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon have remained unanswered;

#### THE COURT

fixes the following time-limits for the filing of the pleadings:

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for the Memorial of the Government of the French Republic,  
18 August 1959;

for the Counter-Memorial of the Government of the Republic  
of Lebanon, 19 October 1959;

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in French and English, the French text being authoritative,  
at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this eighteenth day of June, one  
thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in three copies, one of  
which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others  
transmitted to the Government of the French Republic and to  
the Government of the Republic of Lebanon, respectively.

*(Signed)* Helge KLAESTAD,  
President.

*(Signed)* GARNIER-COIGNET,  
Deputy-Registrar.